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1. CHINA

CURRENT PRC DRIVE AGAINST RIGHTIST DEVIATIONISTS HAS SPREAD NATIONWIDE, WITH TENG HSIAO-PING TARGET (WP). SHANGHAI RADIO REPORTS CAMPAIGN 'PERSONALLY INITIATED; BY MAO (CSM, WSJ; UPI, CHITRIB). NCNA REPORTED OVER WEEKEND THAT SOME 2,000 WALL POSTERS CONCERNING DEBATE OVER PRC'S ACADEMIC STANDARDS HAVE APPEARED IN COMPOUND OF SHANGTUNG U IN TSINAN (WSTAR 2/16).

SHANGHAI U WALL POSTERS ALLUDE IN UNMISTAKABLE TERMS TO TENG AS "CHINA'S SECOND NEW KHRUSHCHEV," INFORMED SOURCES REPORT. REUTER (PEKING) OBSERVES CHARGE ONE OF GRAVEST MADE AGAINST TENG. SOURCES SAY 0USES CARRIED UNCLASSIFIED

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HUNDREDS TO TUTAN U TO READ CRITICISM CLEARLY AIMED AT TENG, AND VISITORS BEING ALLOWED ONTO CAMPUS WITHOUT PASSES (NYT 2/16).

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL (TIENTSIN) REPORTS PRC PRESS
OCCASIONALLY PRINTS ARTICLES ABOUT HEROIC POSTMEN OR
POSTWOMEN WHO DELIVER MAIL IN RURAL AREAS NO MATTER

WHAT HARDSHIPS THEY ENCOUNTER. NOTES OPPORTUNITIES FOR
HEROISM ARE LESS IN CITIES, BUT STANDARD OF SERVICE
IS HEROIC BY US STANDARDS -- TWO DELIVERIES DAILY,
SEVEN DAYS WEEKLY (NYT 2/15).

2. INDOCHINA

ARMED REBELS TOOK OVER SAIGON CHURCH THURSDAY, KILLED
MEMBER SVN SECURITY FORCES BEFORE BEING CAPTURED.
HANOI BROADCAST LINKS INCIDENT TO CIA. REBELS HAD
PRINTING EQUIPMENT, COUNTERFEIT MONEY; RC PRIEST
AMONG THOSE ARRESTED (AP, NYT 2/15; SUN 2/15; WP 2/15;
CSM). DOS SAYS CAN NEITHER CONFIRM, COMMENT UPON
REPORT. CALLS ALLEGED CIA CONNECTION 'RIDICULOUS.'
SAIGON SAYS REBEL GROUP MADE UP EX-ARVN, "REACTIONARY
CATHOLICS"; ADDS CHURCH WATCHED FOR SEVERAL DAYS,
RESISTANCE FOLLOWED DEMAND FOR INSPECTION BLDG BY
SECURITY OFFICERS (WP 2/15; REUTER, NYT 2/16; WP 2/16).
THREE DIED IN CHURCH CLASH, INCLUDING 2 REBELS; FIVE
ARRESTED. SECURITY OFFICER TELLS PRESS SEVERAL OTHER
INCIDENTS OF REBELLION OCCURRED SAIGON IN PAST FEW MOS,
BUT OF "INSIGNIFICANT" SIZE (REUTER, NYT 2/16). CLASH
WAS MOST VIOLENT IN CITY SINCE GVN FELL. EVENT
PUBLICIZED DUE GRAVITY, FACT PRIEST IMPLICATED,
DISCOVERY EQUIPMENT FOR MAKING COUNTERFEIT MONEY. SVN
NATL BANK WARNS LARGE QUANTITIES COUNTERFEIT MONEY IN
CIRCULATION (WP 2/16).

TOP LAOTIAN, NVIET LEADERS DEMAND US WITHDRAW ALL
REMAINING FORCES SEA, DISMANTLE MIL BASES THERE.
STATEMENT FOLLOWED 6-DAY VISIT TO NVN BY PM KAYSONE,
CONDEMNS PRES FORD'S PAC POLICIES AS ATTEMPT SABOTAGE
GAINS MADE BY REV GOVTS VN, LAOS, CAMBODIA; ACCUSES US
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USING JAPAN, NON-COMMUNIST SEA NATIONS TO MAINTAIN
REMAINING ASIAN POSITIONS (AP, NYT 2/15). SUN'S
ISAACS AT HK NOTES CHARGES CONTAINED IN NVN 'ARMY
JOURNAL" THAT US PLANNING USE JAPAN TO COUNTER REV TRENDS
IN ASIA BY RESTORING MILITARISM, REARMING IT. ARTICLE
ADDS US ALSO WANTS INVOLVE JAPAN IN EXPENSIVE REARMAMENT
PROGRAM TO REDUCE ECON COMPETITION. ISAACS
OPINES ITEM REFLECTS APPARENT HARDENING HANOI ATTITUDES
AFTER MONTHS SEEMING HOPE FOR RAPPROCHMENT WITH US.
SAYS MAY BE BECAUSE NVN FEELS OVERTURES REBUFFED,HAS
REVERTED TO HARsher PROPAGANDA LINE. NOTES STIFFENING
VN POLICY COINCIDES WITH UPSURGE COMMUNIST INSURGENT
ACTIVITY SEA, ESPECIALLY THAILAND, MALAYSIA. BELIEVES

ISSUE WILL BE PROMINENT AT ASEAN SUMMIT ON BALI THIS MONTH.

NYT'S HALLORAN AT TOKYO QUOTES ASIAN OBSERVERS RECENTLY IN SAIGON THAT SOVIET APPEARS DEFEATED PRC IN STRUGGLE FOR INFLUENCE IN NEW SVN. SAY REMARKABLE PRESENCE USSR, ALLIES IN CITY, ABSENCE CHINESE. REASONS POSSIBLE TRADITIONAL VIET FEAR CHINESE, DESIRE PREVENT PRC INFILTRATING CHINESE COMMUNITY, PROSPECT GETTING MORE SOVIET AID. RESULT IS SOVIET STRENGTHENING FOOTHOLD IN SEA, BUT NO EVIDENCE USSR MIGHT GET NAVAL BASE AT CAM RANH. REPEATS REPORTS PRESENCE CUBANS, ALGERIANS, RUSSIANS, E EUROPEANS IN SAIGON. PORT HAS USSR, NVN, EUR SHIPS, NO CHINESE. SHOPS HAVE MORE RUSSIAN THAN CHINESE GOODS. NOTES LACK CHINESE AID FOR PROJECTED 5-YR PLAN. RECOUNTS RUMOR FORMER AMEMBASSY WILL BE TURNED OVER USSR FOR TRADE, OTHER MISSIONS.

"LE MONDE" SAYS KR REGIME KILLED NEARLY ALL MIL OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATORS FORMER GKR, MANY INTELLECTUALS. ADDS CHINESE BUSINESSMEN PLACED IN DEATH CAMPS. ARTICLE WRITTEN BY SEA SPECIALIST WHO INTERVIEWED REFUGEES, MONITORED PP RADIO (GLOBE).

GAO SAYS USG FAILED ISSUE WARNINGS THAT COULD HAVE AVERTED "MAYAGUEZ" SEIZURE BECAUSE INFO ON 2 PREVIOUS INCIDENTS INVOLVING SHIPS OFF CAMBODIAN COAST HAD NOT BEEN SENT TO RIGHT OFFICIALS. REPORT PROPOSES DOS TIGHTEN UNCLASSIFIED

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PROCEDURES TO PREVENT THIS TYPE BUREAUCRATIC MIX-UPS (REUTER NYT, WP 2/16).

3. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

AFSC SAYS US SHOULD BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH VN TO ALLOW REFUGEES HERE RETURN IF WISH. REPROT CITES UNCOOPERATIVE ATTITUDE AT TIMES BY DOS, DOD PERSONNEL IN REFUGEE CAMPS CONCERNING REPATRIATION (UPI, WP 2/16; GLOBE 2/16).

4. JAPAN

JAPANESE POLITICAL SOURCES SAY DIET MEMBERS ANGRY USG WILL NOT NAME OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN LOCKHEED SCANDAL; MAY SUBPOENA COMPANY OFFICIALS. ALSO SAY SCANDAL HARMING US-JAPAN RELATIONS, JAPAN INSULTED BY HAK AMMONITION CONGRESS KEEP NAMES SECRET. OTHER SOURCES SAY MIKI WANTS NAMES REVEALED SO HE CAN CAMPAIGN AS OPPONENT OF CORRUPTION (UPI, WSTAR 2/16).

MOF INVESTIGATING ALLEGED ROLE US FOREX BROKER, DEAK CORP, IN DISTRIBUTING LOCKHEED PAYMENTS TO JAPANESE AGENTS

(REUTER, SUN 2/14).

HALLORAN (NYT 2/14; ABRIDGED SUN 2/14) SAYS TANAKA "FORCED" ISSUE STATEMENT FRIDAY, CONFIRMING MET KOTCHIAN JAN 1972 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE US-JAPAN DEVELOPMENT OF JETLINER, FOLLOWING NEWS REPORTS KOTCHIAN TOLD JSP DIETMAN THAT MEETING ARRANGED BY KODAMA, THROUGH OSANO. ALSO CITES STATEMENT BY HOME AFF MIN HAJIME FUKUDA, THAT WAY US "DUG UP SUSPICION" IN LOCKHEED CASE, NOW TRYING CONCEAL NAMES UNDER HAK'S DIRECTION "WILL IMPAIR" US-JAPAN RELATIONS.

WP'S SAAR (ALSO IN PHINQ) SAYS TELEVISED SIX-HOUR DIET HEARINGS MONDAY FAILED UNCOVER SINGLE FACT SUPPORT KOTCHIAN SENATE TESTIMONY. NOTES SMILING, ARTICULATE WITNESS OSANO DENIED HELPED LOCKHEED SELL ANA 21 TRISTARS; SAID MAY SUE KOTCHIAN FOR LIBEL; BUT MANY TIMES REPLIED, "I DON'T REMEMBER ..." CALLS PROCEEDINGS -PALE SHADOW" OF WELL-RESEARCHED, STRONGLY-STAFFED US UNCLASSIFIED

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CONGRESSIONAL CMTE HEARINGS -- QUESTIONING SUPERFICIAL, WITNESSES ALLOWED EVADE DIRECT RESPONSE, OR OFFER NO RESPONSE AT ALL.

HALLORAN (NYT) NOTES OSANO TESTIMONY THAT REP MATSUNAGA (HA) HAVING KOTCHIAN TESTIMONY, OTHER CMTE DOCUMENTS TRANSLATED, AND "IF NECESSARY" WILL FILE LIBEL SUIT AGAINST KOTCHIAN. NOTES OSANO DUCKED QUESTION -- WHY PLAN BUILD ASW PLANE IN JAPAN REVERSED AND STUDY OF P-C-3 IMPORT REOPENED -- BY ASKING, "DO I HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE DEFENSE COUNCIL? ... I'M NOT A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE." CITES ANA PRES WAKASA TESTIMONY THAT LOCKHEED SPENT MONEY IN MEANINGLESS WAY; ANA SELECTED TRISTAR BECAUSE "TRUSTED ITS HIGH QUALITY.-

SUN'S SEIDEN NOTES ANA EXECS WAKASA, WATANABE, TESTIFIED MET TANAKA WEEK BEFORE DECISION TO BUY TRISTARS OCT 1972, DENIED PREVIOUSLY DECIDED BUY DC-10; LAO ELED MEETING "PROTOCOL VISIT" ON FORMER PM, DENIED DISCUSSING TRISTAR PURCHASE. NOTES DIET MEMBER CLAIMS SAW KODAMA, WHO NOW "TOO SICK" TESTIFY, ON EXCLUSIVE GOLF COURSE SHORTLY BEFORE SCANDAL EXPLODED.

YATES (CHITRIB) NOTES TELEVISED DIET HEARINGS ON LOCKHEED SCANDAL ATTRACTED "BIGGEST" TV AUDIENCE HISTORY -- 40 MILLION VIEWERS.

HAUGHTON, KOTCHIAN FORCED RESIGN LOCKHEED POSTS "UNDER PRESSURE" FRIDAY. URGED 'NEW STANDARDS' BE SET FOR INTL BUSINESS. SAID RESIGNED IN "FERVENT HOPE" ACTION WILL CLEAR AIR, PERMIT ORDERLY RETURN TO FIRM'S

HISTORICALLY PRODUCTIVE ROLE. LOCKHEED DIRECTOR, FORMER

PRES NYSE ROBERT K. HAACK, NAMED CHAIRMAN PRO TEM (NYT, BURBANK; ALSO IN SUN 2/14).

NYT'S LINDSAY, IN BURBANK, FINDS LOCKHEED EMPLOYEES UNIFORMLY PERPLEXED WHY WORLD PICKING ON COMPANY FOR "PLAYING THE GAME" LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. BELIEVE ISSUE "PRAGMATISM," NOT "MORALITY,," AND MUCH OF BUSINESS WORLD CORRUPT.
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LAT (ALSO IN WP) SAYS LOCKHEED PERSONNEL FILES DON'T SHOW YOSHIO KODAMA, ASSORTED GERMANS, ITALIANS, BUT THEY WORK FOR FIRM HARD AS ANYONE ON ASSEMBLY LINE.

HARRIS/SANSWEET (WSJ, BURBANK) REVIEW EFFORTS BY NEW CHAIRMAN HAACK TO REFUR0ISH LOCKHEED IMAGE.

GLOBE RUNS UPI PHOTO OF TOKYO PROTESTER ON HUNGER-STRIKE OVER LOCKHEED SCANDAL.

MFA MONDAY NAMED WOMAN MINISTER JAPAN'S UN MISSION -- 48-YR OLD SADAOKO OGATA, ASST PROF AT INTL CHRISTIAN U (AP, SUN).

CULLISON (JOC) IN TOKYO CITES EPA MONTHLY REPORT THAT CONCLUDES RISING EXPORTS MAY SIGNAL "BOTTOMING OUT" OF RECESSION.

POUNTNEY (JOC, LONDON) NOTES "STAGGERING FALL" IN FIRST-QUARTER SHIPBUILDING ORDERS TO 47.7 MILLION DWT WORLDWIDE; DOWN 9.8 MILLION TONS FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, BARELY HALF FIGURE AT SAME TIME 1974.

FOREMAN OF JURY THAT CONVICTED IVA TOGURI D'AQUINO OF BEING TRAITOR KNOW AS "TOKYO ROSE" JOINS THOSE RECOMMENDING PRESIDENTIAL PARDON. SAYS GUILTY VERDICT FORCED BY FEDL JUDGE, WHO IGNORED REPEATED PLEAS THAT JURY DEADLOCKED (UPI, NYDN).

5. JAPAN/KOREA

THOUSANDS SKOREANS, LURED BY HIGHER WAGES, ENTER JAPAN ILLEGALLY EACH YEAR. IMMIGRATION BUREAU SAYS 4,480 CAUGHT OVER PAST FIVE YEARS, BUT 'ONLY THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG,' ESTIMATES MANY AS 100,000 SKOREANS LIVING IN JAPAN ILLEGALLY (UPI, NYT 2/15).

6. KOREA

PRES PARK NAMED HAND-PICKED LIST 73 NATL ASSY CANDIDATES

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SATURDAY. WILL BE VOTED ON BY 2,303 DELEGATES TO NATL CONFERENCE FOR UNIFICATION, MEETING 11 CITIES MONDAY. INCLUSION KIM JONG-PIL FOR SECOND TERM SEEN 'POLITICALLY SIGNIFICANT'; OMISSION V-SPEAKER KIM CHIN MAN CALLED "CRUSHING PERSONAL BLOW" (NYT, SEOUL 2/14).

RALPH CLOUGH CONCLUDES, IN BROOKINGS INST STUDY, CONSEQUENCE OF RENEWED CONFLICT IN KOREAN 'WOULD BE SO SERIOUS' US SHOULD AVOID TAKING ANY ACTIONS THAT WEAKEN DETERRENT AGAINST NK ATTACK. POINTS OUT MAIN REASON KEEP SECOND DIV, TAC AIR WING IN SK IS REASSURE JAPAN OF US COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN PEACE, SECURITY IN KOREA. RECOMMEND 'U' AIR POWER REMAIN IN SK UNTIL TENSIONS "SO SHARPLY REDUCED" NEITHER GOVT OF ROK NOR JAPAN FEELS US PRESENCE ANY LONGER NECESSARY. CLOUGH ACKNOWLEDGES DOMESTIC SUPPORT CONTINUED US MIL PRESENCE DEPENDS, IN PART, ON EASING OPPRESSION OF HUMAND RIGHTS IN ROK (GUIDRY, WSTAR 2/13).

7. BURMA

GUB DESTROYS 150 ACRES POPPIES NEAR THAI-BURMESE BORDER (AP, NYDN). GOVT RECEIVES 13 MILLION DOL LOAN FROM ADB TO BUILD DAM TO INCREASE RANGOON WATER SUPPLY (AP, CSM).

NE WIN IN HOLIDAY MESSAGE ACKNOWLEDGES ECON SITUATION REMAINS UNSATISFACTORY, PLANS BEING PUT INTO EFFECT INADEQUATELY. AVOIDS SUBJECT INSURGENCY IN COUNTRY, DEPICTS BURMA AS SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY RULE BY WORKING PEOPLE (AFP, NYT 2/15).

8. THAILAND

NYT'S ANDELMAN (2/16) AT PHATTAYA SEES WHAT WAS IDYLLIC BEACH RESORT 2 YRS AGO BECOMING ANOTHER CONEY ISLAND. SAYS SOME LOCAL PEOPLE WANT DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, BUT LOSING BATTLE AS SHOPPING CENTER, STANDS SPRING UP, POELUTION INCREASES.

9. TIMOR

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PRO-INDO GOVT OFFICIAL ADMITS HIS SIDE COMMITTED "EXCESSES" IN OFFENSIVE THAT ENDED FRETELIN GOVT (WP 2/14); ADDS A0OUT 60,000 KILLED SINCE OUTBREAK CIVIL WAR. CLAIMS WAR VIRTUALLY OVER (AP NYT 2/15), SUN 2/14). STATES E TIMOR ALREADY PART INDONESIA (AP, SUN 2/14).

10. PHILIPPINES

US-PHIL FORMAL TALKS TO OPEN IN WASHINGTON APR ON NEW MIL BASE TREATY, ACCORDING MARCOS; FIRST ROUND BETWEEN HAK, ROMULO WILL BEGIN APR 12 (UPI, NYT 2/16).

PLAN AGREED UPON AT MANILA CONFERENCE OF OVER 100 NATIONS CONCERNS NEW INTL MECHANISM TO "FUND" SHORT-TERM DEBT OWED 0Y COUNTRIES; AIM NOT TO ABROGATE DEBT, BUT TAKLE PROBLEM "BUNCHING" OF MATURITIES OVER NEXT FEW YEARS. PLAN DETAILS NOT WIDELY DISSEMINATED. INDUSTRIAL NATIONS WILL HAVE TO DEVELOP POSITION ON PLAN FOR UNCTAD MAY MEETING NAIROBI (DALE, NYT).

THREE CONSTABULARY OFFICERS, 1 CIVILIAN GUARD KILLED IN AMBUSH SATURDAY WHILE ESCORTING CMDR US BASE EAMP JOHN HAY, OTHER GUESTS AT INAUGURATION NEW ROAD 13I MILES NORTH MANILA. AREA REPORTED HIDEOUT COMMUNIST NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY (CHITRIB).

11. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

CATTLEMEN, USDA OFFICIALS URGE DOS ADOPT SAFEGUARDS AGAINST ANOTHER BEEF IMPORT OVERRUN. LAST YR'S VOLUNTARY ,RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS" WITH AUSTRALIA, NZ, OTHERS, WERE EXCEEDED (UPI, JOC). AUSSIES AGREE SHIP COKING COAL TO JAPAN ON BASIS MFN TREATMENT IN RETURN FINANCIAL AID IN COAL DEVELOPMENT (JOC).

ECON RECESSION TAKES STEAM OUT OF ALLIANCE AUSSIE ENVIRONMENTALISTS, TRADE UNIONISTS THAT HAD HALTED OVER 40 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS VALUED AT 4 BILLION DOLS (NYT SPECIAL 2/15). WSJ'S HARTLEY DOES BACKGROUNDER ON KOALA, POINTS OUT CONSERVATION MEASURES SO SUCCESSFUL UNCLASSIFIED

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ANIMALS OVERFLOWING PRESERVES.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. JAPAN

SUN (2/15) DECLARES LOCKHEED CASE TURNS UPSIDE-DOWN ARGUMENT THAT OVERSEAS BRIBES BY GIGANTIC US FIRMS MERELY CONFORM TO LOCAL BUSINESS METHODS, FOR NEITHER LAW NOR SOCIETY CONDONES SUCH TRANSACTIONS IN HOLLAND, JAPAN, SWEDEN. BELIEVES HAK IMPLICITLY ACKNOWLEDGED INAPPLI-CABILITY OF "LOCAL ETHICS EXCUSE" BY PLEADING US SHOULD WITHHOLD NAMES TO PRESERVE STABILITY OF FRIENDLY GOVTS. NOTES HAJIME FUKUDA LABELLED HAK "FATHER-KNOWS-BEST" ATTITUDE "INSULTING" TO JAPAN. FINDS HAK SUGGESTION NOT ONLY DEMEANING TO ALLIES, BUT UTTERLY IMPRACTICAL

BECAUSE CAN NOT MAKE SUCH LARGE, VEXING ISSUE GO AWAY
BY IGNORING IT, EITHER IN US OR IN FRIENDLY COUNTRIES
WHOSE DEMOCRACIES TARNISHED BY US BUSINESS METHODS.

PATRICK BUCHANAN (CHITRIB) SEES OFFICIAL WASHINGTON,
AS USUAL, OFFICIALLY HORRIFIED AT LOCKHEED DISCLOSURES.
PERSONALLY FINDS SELF LESS OUTRAGED OVER WHAT LOCKHEED
DID FOR FOREIGN POLITICIANS THAN WHAT GULF DID FOR
AMERICAN POLITICIANS RIGHT ON CAPITOL HILL. CANNOT
CONCEIVE OF LOCKHEED EXECS GOING ABROAD TO ASK FOREIGN
OFFICIALS TO PARTAKE OF FIRM'S CASH, INSTEAD SUSPECTS
THEY WERE SHAKEN DOWN.

NYT (2/15) NOTES TAX AGENCY SURVEY THAT SHOWS "WHOOPEE
BILLS" FOR SPENDING AT BARS, CABARETS, GOLF COURSE BY
JAPANESE FIRMS ROSE 17 PCT IN JFY75, TO 6.4 BILLION
DOLS. AGENCY SEES INCREASE CAUSED BY HIGHER PRICES,
PREDICTS TOTAL MAY BE MORE SOBER THIS YEAR.

ANN CRITTENDEN (NYT 2/15) REVIEWS MANY QUESTIONS RAISED FOR
US POLICY WELL AS BUSINESS IN GROWING REVELATIONS OF
OVERSEAS PAYOFFS. WAS USG AWARE OF PAYOFFS? WERE
BRIBES IN HARMONY WITH FOPOLICY GOALS OF MAXIMIZING US
SALES ABROAD, SUPPORTING ANTI-COMMUNIST REGIMES? DID
THEY ENCOURAGE CORRUPTION, INSTABILITY, AND FUEL POSSIBLE
BACKLASH AGAINST ALL THINGS AMERICAN? OBSERVES MANY
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TEND AGREE WITH HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL'S PROF GEORGE
LODGE, WHO SAYS "JUST SEEING CORPORATE IMMORALITY" THESE
CASES "NOT SEEING ENOUGH."

13. INDOCHINA

WILLS (WSTAR 2/16) QUOTES PRES' CALL FOR "NEW REALISM."
SAYS IN RECENT YRS US RULERS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN PRESIDING
OVER "CUCKOOLAND." GIVES SEVERAL INSTANCES, INCLUDING
COLBY'S THAT WE REALLY WON IN VN. BELIEVES "REAL PRIZE"
GOES TO AMB MARTIN. RECOUNTS AMB'S ROLE IN GIVING MONEY

TO NEO-FASCIST IN ITALY, IN OPPOSITION CIA. REVIEWS AMB
MARTIN'S TESTIMONY, CONDEMNATION INDOCHINA RESOURCE
CENTER. FINDS UNTHINKABLE THAT MARTIN, WITH HIS RECORD,
COULD BE RIGHT CONCERNING BRANFMAN'S ACTIVITIES.

14. KOREA

GEORGE KENNAN LAUDS SECSTATE'S SFO SPEECH ON US-USSR
RELATIONS AS THOUGHTFUL, STATESMANLIKE, USEFUL CONTRI-
BUTION TO PUBLIC DISCUSSION. BUT WHEN COMES TO COMPLI-
CATED PROBLEM OF SOVIET EXPANSIONISM, OR APPEARANCE
OF IT, BELIEVES CERTAIN NUANCES AND RESERVATIONS COULD

BE ADDED TO HAK SPEECH -- FIRST OF ALL, IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE NOT ALL PLACES AND REGIONS OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE. SOME, LIKE KOREA, CUBA, ARE OF HIGH STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE, IN THE SENSE THEY AFFECT INTERESTS OF US, OTHER GREAT POWERS IN INTIMATE AND SENSITIVE WAY (WP 2/16).

SAAR (WP 2/15), IN SEOUL, PROFILES ARMY'S "DEFIANT ANACHRONISM," GENL HOLLINGSWORTH, ON EVE OF UPCOMING RETIREMENT. WOULD PROBABLY GET FOURTH STAR IF GI'S WERE FIGHTING SOMEWHERE, BUT NOW HEADED FOR BENCH TO GIVE PEACE CHANCE, BECAUSE US HAS RUN OUT OF WARS. PENCHANT FOR CATCHY-PHRASES, BLOODY PROMISES HAS CAUSED HIM TROUBLE IN PAST, AND DESPITE DENIALS, MANY SKOREANS, FOREIGNERS BELIEVE HE BEING RETIRED FOR "SABER-RATTLING" ALONG KOREAN DMZ TO DETER KIM IL-SUNG AFTER VN DEBACLE. CITES WELL-INFORMED SOURCE THAT RETIREMENT LINKED TO SCHLESINGER UNCLASSIFIED

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FIRING. NOTES PRES PARK "DISAPPOINTED" AT DECISION, AND HOLLINGSWORTH MAY BE INVITED BACK SK AS CIVILIAN CONSULTANT.

SAAR (WP 2/15) ALSO REVIEWS "METHODICAL CONSOLIDATION" OF PERSONAL POWER OVER 35 MILLION SKOREANS BY PRES PARK, BY SKILLFULLY EXPLOITING EVER-PRESENT THREAT OF NK INVASION, SK FEARS.

,5. CHINA

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GREENWAY (WP 2/16) STATES WALL POSTERS TO SAVE CHINA FROM REVISIONISM REAPPEARING. LEFTISTS SUPRESSED IN AFTERMATH OF CULTURAL REVOLUTION EIGHT YEARS AGO, STAGING COMEBACK. LACK OF AGREEMENT ON SUCCESSOR TO CHOU PROBABLE CAUSE OF NEW CAMPAIGN. PRAGMATISTS STILL

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IN CONTROL AND CURRENT CAMPAIGN MAY BE DIVERSION TO SAVE LEFTISTS FROM FURTHER DETERIORATION. CHINESE BEING TAKEN BY BUS TO READ POSTERS INDICATES A MORE CONTROLLED EFFORT THAN PREVIOUSLY. ATTACKS ON IMPORT OF FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY INDICATIVE OF THE THRUST OF CAMPAIGN. EVERYONE USES WORDS OF MAO FOR JUSTIFICATION. ANTI-CONFUCIOUS CAMPAIGN AIMED AT CHOU AND NOW TENG. SO FAR NO ANTI-WESTERN MANIFESTATIONS.

WEIGHART (NYDN) SAYS POWER STRUGGLE OVER WHO SUCCEEDS CHOU UNDERWAY BEHIND CLOSED DOORS IN PEKING. MENTIONS UNCERTAINTY OF EXPERTS IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK AUTHORITATIVELY ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING. GENERAL VIEW IS THAT HUA IS A COMPROMISE CANDIDATE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES.

SAYS AMERICANS HOPE XENOPHOBIA WILL BE AVOIDED. AMERICAN INTERESTS NOT NECESSARILY AFFECTED BY CURRENT POWER STRUGGLE INASMUCH AS FEAR OF SOVIETS REMAINS MAJOR CHINESE CONSIDERATION. WHILE DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE, IT IS NOT INCONCEIVABLE THAT UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP CHINESE MAY CHOOSE TO NEGOTIATE AWAY DIFFERENCES WITH THE SOVIETS. CONCLUDES HOWEVER THAT PEKING WOULD RATHER RESIST THAN JOIN SOVIETS AND THAT THIS IS THE MESSAGE THEY MAY BE TELLING NIXON.

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THOMAS THOMPSON (BALT SUN 2/16) NOTES BAFFLEMENT OF WESTERN ANALYSTS OVER HUA APPOINTMENT. DISCUSSES BACKGROUNDS OF HUA, TENG AND WANG. CONCLUDES BY SAYING "NOW WITH CHOU GONE IT IS DIFFICULT TO KNOW WITH ANY CERTAINTY WHAT WILL TRANSPIRE IN CHINA..."

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD, IN HK (2/14), SAYS ANTI-TENG CAMPAIGN HAS DEVELOPED SO RAPIDLY, UNEXPECTEDLY, THAT HK ANALYSTS, PRC REPS, SEEM UNCERTAIN HOW INTERPRET IT. BUT ATTACKS APPEAR BROADENING, WITH FOCUS SHIFTING FROM AGRIC ISSUES TO ECON ONES, AND SOME OF CRITICISM EVIDENTLY AIMED AT PRC'S EMPHASIS LAST YEAR ON STABILITY AND ECON GROWTH. MOREOVER, FRESH ARTICLES/BROADCASTS FROM PEKING AND PROVINCES LAST WEEK ALSO INDICATED THAT SOMEWHERE BEHIND CAMPAIGN MAY NOW BE TRYING TO TIE TOGETHER ALL IDEOLOGICAL ATTACKS OF LAST TWO YEARS IN ONE MAJOR EFFORT. AMONG MANY QUESTIONS TROUBLING ANALYSTS, IS WHY TENG, THOSE CLOSE TO HIM, HAVE MADE NO PUBLIC RESPONSE; ALSO UNCLEAR WHAT ROLE HUA KUN-FENG IS PLAYING.

KRAFT (WP, SUN) TERMS NIXON DECISION REVISIT PRC "SLEAZY ACT THOROUGHLY TYPICAL OF THE QUALITIES THAT EARNED HIM THE SOBRIQUET TRICKY DICK." CLAIMS DECISION ONCE AGAIN EXPRESSES NIXON'S LIFELONG VENDETTA AGAINST AMERICAN PEOPLE

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AND THEIR GOVT; COULD HAVE NO FOREIGN POLICY EFFECT, EXCEPT PERHAPS FORTIFYING PEKING'S MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT SOVIET RELATIONS WITH WEST; AND ITS DOMESTIC POLITICAL IMPACT BOUND TO WEAKEN PRES FORD, PROMOTE FURTHER GOP DIVISION. ACCORDING KRAFT, FORD HAS PRIED FROM SOVIETS--IN VLADIVOSTOK ARMS CONTROL UNDERSTANDING AND IN LONGTERM GRAIN DEAL-- CONCESSIONS NIXON NEVER COULD HAVE WRESTED--BUT THESE TRUTHS DO NOT SERVE DEMAGOGUES NOW OPPOSING PRES, WHO ARGUE LEADERSHIP FAILURE. NIXON'S PRC VISIT WILL HAVE AS CHIEF AND ONLY CONSEQUENCE FORTIFYING FORD OPPONENTS' ARGUMENTS AGAINST DETENTE. NIXON NOW BETRAYING MAN WHO PARDONED HIM, CAN ONLY FOSTER FORD-REAGAN DEADLOCK AND SERVE TO PROMOTE CONNALLY CANDIDACY.

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REP COHEN (R-ME) CONFESSES HE IS "PERPLEXED" BY NIXON REVISIT PRC. CONTENDS "IT CARRIES NO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE POLICIES OF THIS COUNTRY"; FEELS TRIP "UNFORTUNATE," SERVES NO PURPOSE, PARTICULARLY TO FORD, AND COULD BE "DIVERSIONARY AND HARMFUL" TO NIXON (SIC)(WSTAR 2/14).

WSTAR'S DICKENSON/GERMOND SAY NIXON'S FORTHCOMING PRC TRIP AND ISSUE OF HIS PARDONING BY FORD PERKING IN NH AGAIN, PARTLY BECAUSE OF WM LOEB. IN THURSDAY FRONT PAGE ED, LOEB'S MANCHESTER UNION LEADER SUGGESTED US GIVE PEKING SOME SORT OF GIFT, POSSIBLY "OVERAGED AIR TRANSPORT PLANE," IF CHINESE WOULD KEEP NIXON; SAID NIXON, "RED CHINA" MEANT FOR EACH OTHER, "BEING EQUALLY UNRELIABLE AND UNTRUSTWORTHY" (2/16).

TRB REPORTS REPORTERS' QUESTIONING FORD ABOUT NIXON PRC TRIP, AT RECENT WH NEWS CONFERENCE. SAYS REPORTERS KNOW NIXON, HIS PEKING VISIT, "ARE MATTERS OF ACUTE EMBARRASSMENT" TO FORD ADMIN--"THEY PULL THE SCAB OFF THAT OLD SORE, THE PARDON. WHAT A THING TO RECALL AT ELECTION TIME" (WSTAR 2/14).

CARTOONIST GARNER (WSTAR 2/16) PICTURES LARGE MAO PORTRAIT, FLANKED BY SMALLER ONES OF TENG, HUA--BUT CHINESE CYCLING-BY NOTE ADDITION NEW PORTRAIT (NIXON), AND ONE SAYS: "BEATS ME--MAYBE HE'S THE WRITE-IN CANDIDATE;" BUCHWALD SUGGESTS SEVERAL POEMS NIXON MIGHT COMPOSE FOR MAO. ONE EXAMPLE: "I SIT IN THE GREAT HALL FEASTING ON PEKING DUCK; HOW GOOD IT IS COMPARED TO SAN CLEMENTE CROW." TRUDEAU RETURNS TO "AMB DUKE'S" PEKING ADVENTURES. MEETING "MR LI" AT BANQUET, DUKE OBSERVES CHINESE HIERARCHY "DROPPING LIKE FLIES"; LI SAYS IT'S MOSTLY LONG MARCH VETS (WP, SUN, NYDN 2/17). IN 2/16 STRIP, DUKE STRESSES THAT CERTAIN MAO QUOTATION "MAKES NO SENSE WHATSOEVER,"

AND LI CONCEDES HE'S "WONDERED ABOUT THAT" (WP).

WSTAR'S MCGRORY (2/16) SAYS REAGAN HAS BECOME SERIOUS CANDIDATE WITHOUT BECOMING SERIOUS MAN. FOR INSTANCE, UNCLASSIFIED

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WHEN ASKED ABOUT HIS FOREIGN POLICY CREDENTIALS, HE CITED FACT THAT WHILE HAK IN PEKING MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR NIXON'S FIRST TRIP, HE, REAGAN, WAS VISITING CKS IN TAIPEI. NYT'S NORDHEIMER, IN KANKAKEE, ILL (2/14), NOTES REAGAN, IN RESPONSE NEWS CONFERENCE QUESTION, ASSERTED US SHOULD NOT ABANDON TAIWAN IN ORDER OPEN DOOR TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH PEKING. REAGAN ADDED THAT RAPPROCHEMENT WITH PRC, AS DEVELOPED BY NIXON, REMAINS

ADVANTAGE TO US, AND ,I HOPE IT WOULD CONTINUE."

BETTY JAMES (WSTAR 2/15) SAYS PRC WOULD BE "IN" PLACE TO VISIT IF TRAVELERS COULD GET IN. QUOTES AMERICAN EXPRESS OFFICIAL THAT IF HE COULD PUT TRIP TOGETHER, COULD EASILY GET 1,000 PEOPLE WILLING VISIT PEKING IMMEDIATELY. SAYS OTHER TRAVEL AGENTS CONCUR, ESTIMATE TWO-WEEK PRC VISIT WOULD COST 1,800-2,500 DOLS, LARGELY FOR AIR FARE. JAMES NOTES RUN-OF-MILL VACATIONER MAY FIND IT EASIER ENTER COUNTRY SOON AS NEXT YEAR, IN OPINION SOME TRAVEL EXPERTS, WHILE OTHERS ESTIMATE 2-3 YEARS. SAYS ONE HURDLE IS DEARTH ACCOMMODATIONS.

DEM NAT CMTE'S STRAUSS WARNS PRES THAT NIXON PRC VISIT COULD BECOME ELECTION ISSUE, URGES FORD DISSOCIATE HIMSELF PUBLICLY FROM IT. ON NBC/TV'S ,TODAY SHOW," STRAUSS SAYS FORD WOULD BE EMBARRASSED BY VISIT UNLESS HE MADE CLEAR NIXON HAD NO STANDING AS PUBLIC FIGURE. FINDS IT OUTRAGE THAT NIXON, TOO ILL TO TESTIFY ABOUT WATERGATE ROLE, "ALL OF A SUDDEN" IS VISITING PRC (REUTER). INGERSOLL

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